
Time sensitive: Request for Further Inspection

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To: PSR Wisconsin <info@psrwisconsin.org>
Cc: "Chandratil, Prema" < >

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 9:53 AM

Dear Mortensen,

The NRC received your email. We understand you have concerns and want to assure you that the plant is currently safe.

On July 31, Point Beach Unit 1 was manually tripped due to the loss of one main feedwater pump. The redundancy of safety systems allowed the plant operators to safely shutdown the plant as designed in response to this trip. NRC inspectors promptly responded to the plant and closely followed the plant's actions in response. The inspectors continued to follow the licensee's actions as they performed the necessary repairs. NRC inspectors also followed the licensee's actions as they verified the plant was ready to be safely restarted and operated. If the NRC inspectors have any concerns, then they would promptly raise them to the plant and NRC management.

Whenever issues such as this trip occur, we look at them to understand the circumstances surrounding them. The process we used to decide the appropriate follow up actions for this event is described by Management Directive 8.3. We determined the circumstances surrounding this event should be looked into using our normal inspection process and our NRC inspectors are currently reviewing them. The details of these ongoing inspection activities are currently predecisional.

Public health and safety are a priority for the NRC. If the NRC inspectors discover any findings, we will take the appropriate steps in response. This includes documenting any findings in a publicly available inspection report.

Sincerely,

Néstor J. Félic Adorno, P.E.



Chief, Branch 4

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From: PSR Wisconsin <info@psrwisconsin.org>

Sent: Friday, August 06, 2021 11:01 AM

To: Félic Adorno, Néstor < >; Cassidy, John < >;
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Subject: [External_Sender] Time sensitive: Request for Further Inspection

Dear Néstor Félic, John Cassidy, Vance Petrella, Tom Hartman and Booma Venkataraman,

Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin (PSR WI) urgently requests the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to send an Augmented Inspection Team to Point Beach Nuclear Reactor, Unit 1 to evaluate the root causes of a July 31, 2021, reactor trip (also called Scram). Attached is a formal request from PSR WI. If you are not the correct person to send this request to, it would be greatly appreciated if you inform us of the correct email to send it to.

As described in the attached request, the July 31 event contains several troubling signs that aging equipment and/or questionable maintenance practices might cause a mishap at Point Beach, and so we request that this inspection be undertaken quickly. We further request that the complete results and findings of the inspection team be made available and easily accessible in a timely manner to the public.

PSR WI is thankful that the operators of the Point Beach Unit 1 were able perform operations successfully to manually shut this reactor down emergently and, we presume, without excess radiation exhausted into the atmosphere of neighboring communities or into Lake Michigan.

Thank you for time,

Hannah Mortensen

PSR WI Executive Director

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